

HEAT INCREASES
AND DEATH ROLL
GROWS LONGERCities of Country Report
Startling List of
Fatalities.SOME PROSTRATIONS
OCCUR IN CAPITALNo Relief in Sight From Torrid
Weather, and Temperatures
Continue to Climb.

TEMPERATURE.

U. S. Bureau.	Astoria's.
8 a. m. 84	8 a. m. 90
9 a. m. 89	9 a. m. 93
10 a. m. 92	10 a. m. 98
11 a. m. 92	11 a. m. 98
12 m. 95	12 m. 99
1 p. m. 95	1 p. m. 100
2 p. m. 95	2 p. m. 101

Literally under a weight of torrid humidity the entire country, practically rainless, is sweltering. Women and children are dying in the large cities. Already there are more than sixty victims of the intense heat. Steadily the death list is increasing in New York, Chicago, Cincinnati, St. Louis, and Philadelphia. There were two deaths in Baltimore this morning.

No deaths have occurred in Washington, but there are more than a dozen people in the local hospitals suffering from prostration. One unconscious man is in a dangerous condition. His name has not yet been ascertained. He is a cook employed in a restaurant near Four-and-a-half and B streets southwest, and was stricken while at work.

Other Prostrations Here.

Walter Mayhew, forty-six years old, a negro who lives at 435 Washington street, fell in front of 215 Thirteenth street northwest, suffering from the heat. He was taken to Emergency Hospital.

W. G. Willige, of 607 Thirteenth street northwest, was taken from Ninth street and Louisiana avenue last night about 9 o'clock, prostrated. He was treated at Emergency Hospital.

Overcome while riding on a street car near Wisconsin avenue and O street northwest, Albert Burdett, of Tenleytown, D. C., was removed to Georgetown Hospital. This morning he recovered.

Edward Adams, of 123 Bladensburg road, was the third victim yesterday. He fell at Eleventh and H streets northeast, and was taken to Casualty Hospital.

At least one of the three fires which occurred in the city yesterday was traced to the intense heat, which has dried the woodwork of sheds and buildings that spontaneous combustion is likely. Combustion ignited a woodshed in the rear of 411 Fifth street northwest, occupied by Robert Fletcher, but the blaze was extinguished before the property was damaged.

Overcome by Heat.

John F. Doran, of Yonkers, N. Y., visiting in this city, was overcome by the heat while at Fifteenth and H streets northeast shortly after midnight this morning. He was taken to Casualty Hospital. His condition is not serious.

James M. Meschan, whose address has not been ascertained, fell at the corner of Delaware avenue and B street about 1 o'clock. He is at Casualty Hospital and will recover. He is eighty-four years old. Walter Dodson, eighty-four years old, of 1017 C street northwest, fell while walking near Eleventh and B streets southwest this morning. Policeman Heathcote, of the Fourth precinct, assisted him to his home.

John Williams, a negro, was overcome by the heat while walking near Eleventh and B streets southwest, was overcome by the heat at the rear of 1300 Florida avenue northeast. The man lives at 207 Warren street.

Thomas Williams, twenty-nine years old, who lives at 941 Maryland avenue southwest, was overcome in the freight yards at First and O streets northeast. He was taken to Casualty Hospital. It is believed his condition is not dangerous.

Garfield Garfield, who lives at 211 John Marshall place northwest, was found at Grace street and Wisconsin avenue northwest by Policeman Peterson. He was taken to Georgetown University Hospital by the wagon of the Seventh precinct.

The forecast for today promises continued warm weather, without any sign of relief from rain. Washington's street temperature of 101, established yesterday, was not reached at 2 o'clock this afternoon. The downtown kiosk registered 98 and by 2 o'clock had climbed to 101 degrees. The lowest temperature recorded downtown was nearly 90 degrees during the night. The official minimum temperature was registered at the Weather Bureau at 5 o'clock this morning as 78 degrees.

Yesterday's oppressive heat was due mainly to the large percentage of humidity in the air. Today's records show (Continued on Twelfth Page.)

WEATHER REPORT

FORECAST FOR THE DISTRICT.
Probably fair and continued warm tonight and Tuesday.

SUN TABLE.

Sun rises.....4:38 Sun sets.....7:30

TIDE TABLE.

Today—High tide, 1:36 a. m. and 2:06 p. m.
Low tide, 8:16 a. m. and 8:30 p. m.
Tomorrow—High tide, 1:28 a. m. and 2:05 p. m.
Low tide, 8:15 a. m. and 8:32 p. m.

Hottest Fourth in Years
Is Promised

Unless there is some sudden change unforeseen by the Weather Bureau, this Fourth of July will be one of the hottest in years. The heat wave which settled over the middle West Saturday night is due to last several days, according to Forecaster Willis Moore, and heat records are likely to be smashed today and tomorrow.

The Weather Bureau reports show that the heat yesterday was greatest in Missouri, Michigan, Illinois, and the neighboring States. In Rockcliffe, Ontario, the thermometer reached 108. Ninety-eight was the official mark here, but the street kiosk registered 107.

VON DER MILLER'S
WIFE SREAMS AS
SON IS QUESTIONEDHysterical, She Has to Be
Taken Away When Boy
Tells of Family Strife.

Eddie Von Der Miller, the nine-year-old son of the defendant, was the star witness today at the trial of Louis Von Der Miller, charged with the murder of John Reeves at Syfax, Va., June 5.

Self-possessed, confident, and positive in all his statements, young Von Der Miller apparently was as much at home and at ease as if he had been talking to some of his companions. He took the stand and in a clear audible voice told of the circumstances leading up to the killing.

The testimony of the boy was one of several dramatic features that marked the morning session of Von Der Miller's trial. Under the most grueling cross-examination by Commonwealth Attorney Grandall Mackey, the boy did not change his original story.

His Story Unshaken.

Every effort to shake his testimony failed. It was a lucid story of the troubles between the Reeves and Von Der Miller families in the little home at Syfax. He told of threats and counter-threats, of quarrels and disagreements, and trouble between his father and Reeves on the day preceding the killing.

With eyes filled with tears, Von Der Miller watched his son throughout the ordeal of nearly an hour.

When Commonwealth Attorney Mackey began his fire of questioning in the cross-examination, in an effort to break down the boy's story, Mrs. Von Der Miller, who was sitting by her husband's side, rose to her feet.

"I can't stand to have my boy talked to like that," she screamed.

Mrs. Von Der Miller then became so hysterical that it was necessary for her to be assisted from the courtroom. She returned in half an hour.

After the boy left the stand, he took a seat between his parents and, with one hand in his mother's lap and the other on his father's knee, listened intently to the other witnesses.

Jury in Shirtsleeves.

The heat was so intense and the air so stifling in the courtroom that Judge Thornton allowed jurors, witnesses, and spectators to remove their coats. "I do not think it compatible with the dignity of the court," however, I do not think it will be any reflection on the court's dignity to allow the jurors to make themselves comfortable," said Judge Thornton.

With a sigh of relief the jurors then listened to the testimony in their shirt sleeves.

Eddie Von Der Miller said the Sunday preceding the shooting his father came home just about dark.

"Papa said Uncle John had been drinking (referring to Reeves) and was mean to me. He tried to choke me and throw me overboard."

"Papa said to mamma that Uncle John said that if summer wasn't ready he was going to start a fuss."

"Later I saw papa crying. Mamma (Continued on Twelfth Page.)

Lady Constance Foljambe fails to meet her fiance at Church.

LONDON, July 3.—A society sensation was launched here this afternoon when Lady Constance Foljambe, daughter of the Earl of Liverpool, failed to show up at St. Peter's for her marriage to the Rev. H. Hawkins.

An ultra-fashionable audience was gathered and the bridegroom and his party were waiting. When Lady Constance failed to appear, messengers were sent in search of her, and returned with the information that she left this morning and had not been seen since. After a wait of an hour the audience was dismissed. Hawkins believes some accident befell Lady Constance, but the knowing ones assert that she has changed her mind.

The family of Lady Constance issued a statement later that the wedding had been indefinitely postponed. It was rumored that the bride-to-be had eloped at the eleventh hour with a former sweetheart, but this could not be verified.

The police began a search but soon dropped it, after being convinced that her family knew her whereabouts.

CITY ALL READY
FOR SAFEST AND
SANEST FOURTHPublic and Private Celebra-
tions Planned, With
Joy for All.NO CHANGE MADE IN
PROGRAM OF EVENTS"Show Your Colors" Slogan Taken
Up and City Will Riot
in Flags.SAFE AND SANE RECORD.
The following table shows how
deaths and injuries have decreased as
the "safe and sane" Fourth idea has
increased:

Year.	Dead.	Wounded.
1904.	183.	3,996
1905.	182.	4,994
1906.	158.	5,398
1907.	164.	4,249
1908.	163.	5,623
1909.	157.	5,629
1910.	131.	5,729

The day before the Fourth of July is certainly not like the night before Christmas, when all through the house not a creature was stirring, not even a breeze.

The day before the Fourth finds everybody stirring to get things ready for the greatest Safe and Sane celebration in the history of Washington. Despite the fact that the terrific heat of Sunday found its match in the atmospheric conditions of today, patriots began early to decorate their stores and shops and houses, while the committees were making final arrangements for the "official" celebration.

The decorations that are already in evidence bespeak a general response to the appeal of the committee on decorations. "Show your colors!" was the slogan of the committee in a leaflet that was given wide distribution, supplemented with stories in the newspapers.

Showing Colors.

The result will be it is predicted, that the flinging of Old Glory to the breeze will be almost universal among residents of the District. Not a few have bought extra large banners and put up special flagpoles for the purpose. The members of the Safe and Sane Fourth Committee who have charge of the fireworks exhibitions have promised unusually beautiful displays. Little lads, with fingers just itching to handle explosives that probably would leave them no fingers at all if they did handle them, are expected to feel quite satisfied to see some wonderful pyrotechnics set off "officially," which is the only way they can be set off in the District in compliance with the law.

There have been no changes in the program announced, which starts at the District building at 9:30 o'clock. Individuals are getting up more and more private parties and celebrations, and the hot wave has stirred many to think of cool countryside and refreshing seas.

G. P. O. to Celebrate.

One of the individual celebrations will be that of employees of the Government Printing Office. They will gather at Stanton Park aerodrome, at Fourth and B streets northeast and enjoy moving pictures and a program of vaudeville. It will be under the auspices of Woman's Auxiliary, No. 13, of the Typographical Union, into whose treasury the receipts will go. John R. Purvis will sing a solo; W. H. Anglin will give a monologue; Frank A. Daugherty, illustrated song; Charles F. Purdy, impersonation; W. A. Smith, illustrated song; A. G. Jennings, slack wire act; Charles W. Bridwell, illustrated song; "Baby" Friebse, song and dance; and Frank Painter, a yodling song.

Many Germans will celebrate the day at Loeffler's Park, on Bladensburg road. Their party will be in the form of a Deutsches Volksfest, and under the auspices of the Butchers' Benevolent Association. Nicholas Auth, George J. Aue, George J. Bessler, Adam Digelmann, and Albert Hammer are the committee on arrangements.

Many to Leave.

While the out-of-town resorts will undoubtedly get a large patronage from Washingtonians, hotels and restaurants are making special bids for custom. Most of them are arranging special programs of both food and sound, and have announced that, in the language of Old King Cole, not only will they set forth the best of pipe and bowl, but that their fiddlers three will be forthcoming most harmoniously.

The weather, of course, holds the balance of power between failure and success on a Fourth of July. Its horrible heat, which drove stricken humanity to the fields and waters yesterday, seems likely to continue. The possibility of a long-continued rain, which would keep people indoors, is to be considered, too. The patriotism (Continued on Second Page.)

Boston Aviator and One of His Flights



HARRY N. ATWOOD.

OFFICIALDOM HERE
WILL BE WITHOUT
A HEAD TOMORROWOnly Assistant Secretaries
Will Be in Capital to
"Sit on the Lid."

The Fourth of July will find official Washington without a head. That is to say, there will be no President or Vice President or Cabinet officer in the city to "sit on the lid."

As a result, the Government will be run by assistant secretaries, should there be any Government to run. Perhaps Huntington Wilson, Assistant Secretary of State, is the senior among assistants, and will therefore be the official head of affairs.

Today there is only one Cabinet officer in town. This is Secretary of Agriculture James Wilson. But he will leave Washington tomorrow morning and will not come back until late tomorrow evening or Wednesday morning. He goes to Baltimore to be the guest of friends.

All the other Secretaries, the Attorney General, and the Postmaster General are out of the city. They are scattered far and wide. The President and Vice President are away. The Executive is delivering an address in Marion, Ind., today, and will go to Indianapolis tomorrow. Vice President Sherman is in Utica, N. Y.

Secretary Knox has gone to his summer place at Valley Forge, Pa.; Secretary Meyer is in Massachusetts with his family; Secretary MacVeagh is in Dublin, N. H.; Postmaster General Hitchcock is in Massachusetts; Secretary Stimson is in New York preparing to sail for Panama; Secretary Nagel is away in the West, and Secretary Fisher is out of the city, and will be until the 6th.

As a matter of fact there is no occasion for anybody being at the helm of the ship of state on the Fourth. All departments will be closed tight. Congress has adjourned until the 6th, and so business of consequence will be done in Federal circles until after tomorrow.

Three in Wagon Killed
By the Florida Special

MONTPELIER, Va., July 3.—Three unknown negroes were instantly killed and a negro fatally injured when train No. 38, the Southern railway's fast Florida special, smashed into their wagon at a crossing near here today.

Heat Crazed, Chicagoan
Leaps Off Skyscraper

CHICAGO, July 3.—Driven insane by the intense heat, G. A. Wright leaped from the fifteenth story of the Masonic Temple, today and was crushed to death on the floor of the building, 250 feet beneath. Two men and a woman narrowly escaped death by the falling body. The death caused a panic.

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STATUE OF LIBERTY
IN DARING FLIGHTAviator Atwood Takes Three Sensational
"Aerial Joy Rides" Carrying Army
Men As Passengers.ELEVEN AEROPLANES WING
WAY OVER ENGLISH CHANNEL

NEW YORK, July 3.—Madam Liberty looked upon strange sights in the harbor of New York today while Aviator Harry Atwood added new laurels to those he had won by his flights of last week, connecting Boston and New York by aeroplane.

Carrying an army officer as a passenger, the young aviator sailed around the harbor from Governor's Island and circled the Statue of Liberty, the first time this feat has ever been accomplished with a passenger. Landing gracefully, Atwood then made two other "aerial joy rides," as he calls them, each time carrying an army officer.

One flight was made with Capt. J. H. Madden, of the Twenty-ninth Infantry. The captain is a 200-pounder. Atwood whisked him around the bay for forty minutes, delighting thousands on ferry boats, excursion steamers, and on the shore.

An invitation was given Col. H. R. Bailey, commanding the Twenty-ninth, but the colonel is on in years.

"My bones are too dry," he said, with a smile.

Lieutenant Fickel made the chief flight, and it was full of perils of joy riding. Atwood took him over the Statue of Liberty, the machine being not more than more five feet above the top of the torch. Lieutenant Fickel said, when coming to earth again, that he could see down the torch and inside beheld a large red light he had never known to be there.

Hurdles Ferryboat.

After grazing Liberty so perilously, Atwood flew straight for the crowded deck of a ferryboat, and at the last moment skimmed over it, jumping the big boat as a horse would over a barrier. The people on board were frightened at first, but gave the joy rider three rousing cheers.

Figure rights were cut and a little trip to Bayonne, N. J., was made. The Jerseyites woke up and cheered enthusiastically. Atwood today received a substantial check from his employers in Boston as a bonus for his daring trip from New London to and over New York.

Of the proposed flight to Washington from New York, Atwood said if he made it at all he would make it Thursday. He has received many offers for flights tomorrow, but he wants a rest and his cracked propeller is against him.

Fleet of Aeroplanes
Crosses the Channel
In European Contest

LONDON, July 3.—A fleet of eleven aeroplanes in the \$94,000 circuit of Europe air race soared over the English channel today between Calais and Dover, inaugurating the most hazardous and most spectacular stage of the long aerial contest. It was an impressive sight, as the machines flitted in from the air, bringing to the English soil the racers who had already fitted over French, Belgian and Dutch ground.

Two years ago this month, when Louis Bleriot made the first successful transatlantic aeroplane flight, the whole world gazed in amazement. Today the eleven aviators made the same flight in such a rather matter-of-fact sort of way and with such ease and precision that the hour's procession over the channel was almost lacking in interest.

Not only did these flyers cross the channel, but most of them continued on to Haddon, six miles north of London, completing a trip of ninety-three miles from Calais.

President to Address
Christian Endeavor
Convention in Jersey

President Taft has two more trips arranged before he goes West in September. He will go to Atlantic City on Friday of this week to address the Christian Endeavor meeting and on the 21st of this month he has promised to go to Manassas, Va., where he will take part in the Blue and the Gray celebration and reunion.

This celebration marks the anniversary of the battle of Bull Run.

BRAKEMAN'S ERROR
CAUSES TWO DEATHS

CAMDEN, N. J., July 3.—A local train from Atco to Camden, on the Pennsylvania railroad, was hit by a southbound express from Broad street station at Lucastown at noon today.

Two coaches were overturned and two passengers killed; eleven were probably fatally injured. The local had been ordered to take the siding to allow the northbound Atlantic City express to pass. The brakeman made a mistake and threw the switch to the southbound main track.

The express sidetracked the local. Ambulances were ordered to meet a special train from the scene.

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